

Memorandum

Date : September 14, 2005

To : State Clearinghouse

From : Sandra Morey
Sacramento Valley and Central Sierra Region

Subject : Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report

The California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) in conjunction with the United States Forest Service, Plumas National Forest will prepare a joint Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) for a proposed Lake Davis Pike Eradication Project. The project description, location and probable environmental effects are contained in the enclosed Initial Study. The Initial Study is also available at: <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/northernpike>.

We need to know your views as to the scope and content of the environmental information that is germane to your agency's statutory responsibilities or specific concerns that must be included in the Draft EIR/EIS. This includes significant environmental issues, reasonable alternatives, and mitigation measures that a responsible agency will need to have explored in the Draft EIR/EIS and whether the agency will be a responsible agency or trustee agency for the proposed project.

Public Resources Code Section 21080.4 (CEQA) and California Code of Regulations Section 15082 (CEQA Guidelines), require that comments by agencies be submitted within 30 days after receipt of this letter. However, the scoping period for this proposed project will be extended to 45 days; therefore DFG will be accepting responses postmarked on or before October 31, 2005. Please send your response to:

Ms. Julie Cunningham
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Portola, CA 96122
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Interested public agencies and members of the public are also invited to submit oral and written comments and suggestions regarding the scope of the EIS/EIR to help identify the range of actions, alternatives, mitigation measures, and significant environmental effects to be analyzed in relation to the proposed project. The scoping meetings will be held:

Monday, September 26, 2005

Two sessions: 1-3 p.m.; 6:30-9:00 p.m.
Location: Eastern Plumas Health Care
Education Center,
Address: 500 1st Avenue
Portola, CA

Wednesday, September 28, 2005

Two sessions: 1-3 p.m.; 6:30-9:00 p.m.
Location: The Radisson Hotel
Address: 500 Leisure Lane
Sacramento, CA

Comments may also be submitted to: northernpike@dfg.ca.gov

If you require reasonable accommodation or require this notice or the Initial Study in an alternate format, please contact Julie Cunningham at 530-832-4069, or the California Relay (Telephone) Service for the deaf or hearing - impaired from TDD phones at 1-800-735-2929 or 711.

All comments received including names and addresses, will become part of the official administrative record.

For more information, please contact Ms. Julie Cunningham, Environmental Scientist, Portola Field Office at 530-832-4069 or jcunningham@dfg.ca.gov.

Enclosure